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School Nutrition Programs

Shipment 1

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USDA FOODS UPDATE

The USDA Foods shipping schedule for the 2011-12 school year is on the OPI School Nutrition Web site at http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_2.

The cases per shipment report was mailed in the fall foodservice manager's packet to those schools that did not pick up their report at the Montana School Nutrition Association conference in Billings in June.

Your updated USDA Foods order can be found by going to the following Web address and clicking on *USDA Foods Ordering Program*. You will need your User Name and Password to view your order. http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html.

If you have questions on your order contact the OPI Food Distribution office at (406) 444-4415.

SUMMER STORAGE REMINDER

If you stored foods through the summer be sure to use them during the first few

months of school. Foods are best if served at their freshest.

The USDA *Best If Used by Guidance Inventory Control in Schools* fact sheet is available on the OPI USDA Foods Web site.

Should you have USDA Foods that you are unsure about contact your local sanitarian. The OPI Foods Distribution office must be contacted prior to the destruction of any USDA Foods.

USDA FOODS DELIVERY POLICY



Be sure to review the USDA Foods Delivery Policy at http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_2. It is important to receive only the USDA Foods that are on your bill of lading. **Do not** accept anything additional - even if the driver says it is OK.

Contact the OPI Foods Distribution office with any discrepancies before accepting or refusing them. Schools will be charged for refusing any USDA Foods at the time of delivery.

USDA FOODS SHIPPING COSTS



The USDA Foods shipping and handling costs for the 2011-12 school year will be \$2.88 plus fuel surcharge for shipping and \$1.25 handling per case.

Shipping costs for public schools are paid with state matching funds. Private Schools and Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCI) are responsible for the shipping, handling and processing costs of any USDA Foods purchased and will receive an invoice for the 2011-12 school year in May from the OPI Foods Distribution Office.

Any Private School or RCCI that has not yet mailed their 2010-11 shipping payments, please do so today.

HEALTHY RECIPE ROUNDUP WINNER



Cindy Giese, the foodservice manager from Lewistown, was the grand prize winner of the \$200 drawing for her entries in the recipe roundup. Congratulations Cindy!

OPI WELCOMES KARI GILLISPIE

Kari Gillispie is our School Nutrition's newest part-time administrative assistant. In 2010 she received an associate degree in accounting from the University of Montana-Helena and in 2011 she received a bachelor's degree in business from Montana Tech. She previously worked at the University of Montana-Helena as an admissions assistant where she enjoyed helping others.

In her free time Kari enjoys hiking, four wheeling, traveling and snowmobiling. Kari can be reached by phone at (406) 444-3574 or by e-mail at kgillispie@mt.gov.

REAUTHORIZATION CHANGES

Policy memos regarding reauthorization changes for the 2011-12 school year related to food service can be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/policy.htm>.

Policy updates include Outreach to Households on the Availability of School Breakfast Program, Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010: Local School Wellness Policies, Nutrition Requirements for Fluid Milk, Water Availability During National School Lunch Program Meal Service, and Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010: Enhancing the School Food Safety Program.

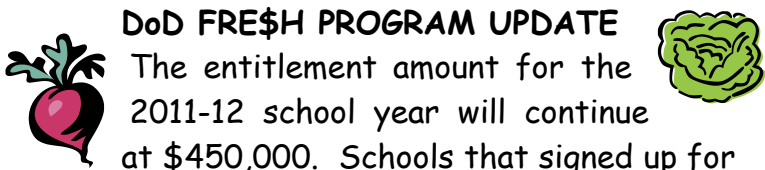
Be sure and checkout these policy changes. If you have questions regarding any of these policies contact a School Nutrition Specialist at (406) 444-2501.

FALL BID WINNER!

The winner of the OPI Cooperative Purchases for the fall delivery is Food Services of America.

They will begin deliveries in mid August. If you have questions contact Kennie at (406) 444-4412.





DoD FRE\$H PROGRAM UPDATE



The entitlement amount for the 2011-12 school year will continue at \$450,000. Schools that signed up for the program in May should have received their entitlement amounts and can begin placing orders any time. The DoD Fresh orders are placed on the FFavors order form at https://www.ffavorsweb.dscpl.dla.mil//ffavors_web/default.aspx.



If you have questions regarding the DoD Fresh program or your entitlement, contact Kennie by phone at (406) 444-4412 or by e-mail at Kennie@mt.gov.



SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for the first OPI School Nutrition Programs Processing Food Fair to be held October 20-21, 2011, in Great Falls. The fair will be hosted by the OPI School Nutrition Programs, Food Distribution, the Cooperative Purchase Program and Montana Team Nutrition.

This fair is for all National School Lunch Programs interested in using a portion of their USDA entitlement dollars to purchase products from participating companies using the Net Off Invoice (NOI) program and also deciding which products the OPI School Nutrition Programs will purchase for further processing using the state match funds.

More details will be available soon. Please plan to attend. We need your input!

USDA FOODS PER MEAL VALUE

The USDA recently released the USDA Foods per meal value for the 2012 school year. This year's rate will be 22.25 cents and is effective for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Districts can calculate their individual entitlement by taking this rate times your average daily meals served during the 2011 school year and multiplying that total by 180 days (schools) and 365 days (RCCIs). *(This total will not reflect any OPI Food Distribution carry over dollars or USDA 12% rule funds.)*

TURKEY ROASTS ARRIVE ON TIME

In the past turkey roasts have been one of the USDA products that have been hard to come by. This year they were purchased earlier and have arrived in our Helena warehouse. They will begin shipping on October 24, 2011, on Shipment 4.



Truckloads are ordered by weight; 40,000 pounds/1,000 cases are considered a full truck. This year the turkeys are bigger so the truckloads the OPI Food Distribution warehouse received contained 891 and 894 cases. Due to this, 215 cases will be deleted randomly from all orders.

